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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF NVA OFFENSIVE--SUMMARY FOR PERIOD

ENDING NOON APRIL 21

1. GENERAL.

THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE MILITARY PICTURE
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AS THE NVA BUILDUP CONTINUES.
NVA PRESSURE CONTINUES IN NORTHERN BEN LUC DISTRICT OF LONG AN
PROVINCE, NVA INTERDICTION OF HIGHWAY 22 TO TAY NINH REMAINS,
BIEN HOA AIR BASE CONTINUED TO RECEIVE 130MM ARTILLERY ROUNDS
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(46 FOR THE PERIOD) WITH NO DAMAGE OF CASUALTIES RESULTING,

HAM TAN HAS NOT YET COME UNDER ATTACK BUT NVA FORCES ARE APPROACHING. WIDESPREAD BUT GENERALLY LIGHT CONTACTS AND ABF'S CONTINUE THROUGHOUT MOST OF THE DELTA.

2. MR-3.

COMMUNIST PRESSURE CONTINUES IN NORTHERN BEN LUC DISTRICT OF LONG AN PROVINCE AND SEVERAL CONTACTS WERE REPORTED IN THE VICINITY OF THE VAM CO DONG RIVER AND THE PINEAPPLE FOREST NORTH OF BEN LUC. THE NVA INTERDI-MION OF HIGHWAY 22 BETWEEN TAY NINH AND GO DAU HA REMAINS AS ARVN FORCES REDEPLOY TO MEET THIS THREAT. TAY NINH HAS NOT BEEN ATTACKED ON THE GROUND BUT DID RECEIVE LIGHT SHELLING. A VNAF F-5 WAS HIT AND DOWNED BY SA-7 IN TAY NINH. THERE ARE REPORTS THAT A LARGE TANK LED COMMUNIST FORCE IS APPROACHING KHIEM HANH, TAY NINH ON PROVINCIAL ROUTE 26. KHIEM HANH IS AT THE JUNCTION OF ROUTES 19 AND 26 AND ITS CAPTURE WOULD ALLOW THE COMMUNISTS TO BRING PRESSURE ON HIGHWAY 22 AND GVN FORCES IN THE VICINITY OF GO DAU HA. GVN FORCES REPORT CONTACTS WITH NVA UNITS ON HIGHWAY 1 EAST OF BIEN HOA IN THE VICINITY OF HUNG NGHIA VILLAGE. A DIVISION SIZE NVA FORCE IS APPROACHING HAM TAN, CAPITAL OF BINH TUY BUT THE CITY HAS NOT COME UNDER ATTACK.

3. MR-4.

WIDESPREAD BUT GENERALLY LIGHT GROUND CONTACTS AND ABF'S CONTINUE THROUGHOUT MOST OF THE DELTA. FIGHTING CONTINUES TO FOCUS ON THE NORTHERN DELTA, THOUGH ACTIVITY IN DINH TUONG HAS DECLINED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE PAST FEW DAYS. EASTWARD MOVEMENT OF COMMUNIST UNITS TOWARDS MY THO CONTINUED AND MR4 G-2 BELIEVES PRESSURE WILL SOON BE PUT ON THE CITY. CORPS COMMAND REMAINS CONFIDENT OF HIS ABILITY TO MEET THIS THREAT FROM WEAKENED COMMUNIST UNITS. PHONG DINH IS NOW QUIET FOLLOWING WHAT CORPS G-2 DESCRIBES AS "TOTAL DEFEAT" OF NVA PLAN TO ATTACK CAN THO.
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